



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Shigeru YAGI

Group Art Unit: 2622

Application No.: 10/803,911

Examiner: U. KHAN

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Docket No.: 119160

For: OBJECT SHOOTING CONDITION JUDGING DEVICE, IMAGE QUALITY  
ADJUSTMENT DEVICE, AND IMAGE SHOOTING APPARATUS

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the June 8, 2007 Election of Species Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Species II, Figures 3-5 and 7, with traverse. At least claims 8-21 are readable on the elected Species.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid